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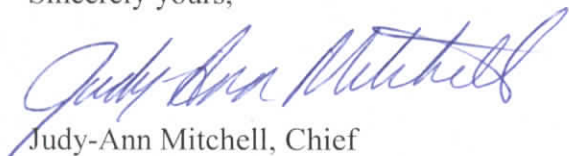RE: Interstate 87 Exit 4 Access Improvements – P.I.N 1721.51, and BIN's 1033141/1033142

Dear Mr. McDade and Mr. Masi:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has reviewed the Federal Highway Administration/ New York State Department of Transportation's final environmental impact statement (FEIS) on the Interstate 87 Exit 4 Access Improvements (CEQ# 20140307). The Project, located in the Town of Colonie, Albany County, NY, addresses several issues: the need to provide improved access between Interstate 87 (I-87), Wolf Road, and the Albany International Airport; the structural deficiencies of the existing I-87 bridges over Albany-Shaker Road; and the above statewide average crash rate at seven intersections in the study area. In addition, the existing roadway network does not provide direct access between I-87 southbound and Wolf Road or between I-87 and Albany International Airport. The Flyover Alternative, as described in the DEIS, has remained the preferred alternative in the FEIS. This review was conducted in accordance with Section 309 of the Clean Air Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 7609, PL 91-604 12(a), 84 Stat. 1709), and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

The FEIS fully responds to EPA's concerns as described in our March 19, 2014 comment letter on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. EPA looks forward to working with both The New York State Department of Transportation and the Federal Highways Administration in the future.

If you have any questions, please call Lingard Knutson of my staff at (212) 637-3747.

Sincerely yours,

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